

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Favorable reconsideration of this application is requested in view of the above amendments and in light of the following remarks and discussion.

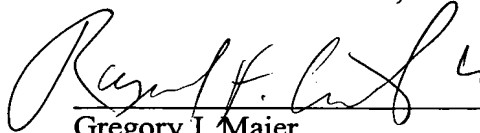
Claims 1-31 are pending in the application. Claims 1, 2, 9, 10, 18, 26, and 27 are amended to correct antecedent problems without the introduction of any new matter.

It is respectfully submitted that the corrections made to Claims 1, 2, 9, 10, 18, 26, and 27 are clearly formal corrections that do not require any new examination considerations or search.

Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that this Amendment under 37 CFR §312 be entered as being directed only as to matters of form.

Respectfully submitted,

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